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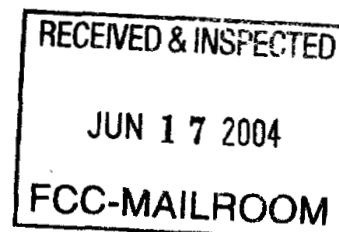
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June 9, 2004



Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a WFAE Board member, public radio listener and financial supporter, I would like to urge the FCC to rule that radio stations may use their digital, High Definition signals for secondary, supplemental audio channels. Our listeners come to public radio because of our programming and the quality of our audio. HD radio will improve audio quality, but the decisive factor for our station is the capability to create supplemental audio programming (or "multiplexing" to use the Commission's term).

I believe the use of supplemental audio is integral to our public service mission and enables us to expand programming to meet listener needs that are either underserved or not served at all. WFAE and WFHE could use the second channel to time-shift programming that current listeners miss because of their busy schedules, to provide overseas news 24 hours a day, to provide foreign language programming, or to provide music programming such as folk or alternative, which are not currently available in our service areas.

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Second channels present enormous efficiencies. Public radio stations also need to generate revenue and income to fund our activities. The potential use of SAC technology for funding purposes will strengthen our ability to continue to serve the public better into the future.

Sincerely,

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J. J. Carmola
Segment President, Engine Systems
WFAE/WFHE Board of Directors

cc: Ross Annable
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